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TAGS: PDIP, PBOR, PN
SUBJECT: PROPOSED DECLARATION OF WASHINGTON

REF: LONDON 14770

1. DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY CORTAZZI CALLED IN DCM
EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 6 TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS CON-
CERNING THE US REQUEST FOR BRITISH ENDORSEMENT OF
DECLARATION:
A. FCO IS PREPARED TO INSTRUCT JAY TO SIGN THE
DECLARATION ON SEPTEMBER 7 PROVIDED TEXT OF CANAL TREAT
IS RECEIVED IN THE FCO EARLY TOMORROW MORNING FOR RE-
VIEW BY LEGAL STAFF AND PROVIDED THAT IT FINDS NO PRIMA
FACIE OBJECTIONS. (BRITISH HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED TEXT
OF NEUTRALITY TREATY.) ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE
PROVIDE COMPLETE TEXT OF CANAL TREATY BY IMMEDIATE CABLE
FOR
DELIVERY TO FCO AT OPENING OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 7.
B. FCO PLANS TO ISSUE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO PRESS
AT TIME OF SIGNATURE OF DECLARATION: BEGIN TEXT: THE
BRITISH AMBASSADOR HAS TODAY SIGNED THE DECLARATION OF
WASHINGTON, RECORDING THEREBY THE PROFOUND SATISFACTION
OF HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT AT THE SIGNATURE BY THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE CHIEF
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OF GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY OF
1977 AND THE TREATY CONCERNING THE PERMANENT NEUTRALITY
AND OPERATION OF THE PANAMA CANAL.
OUR SIGNATURE IS OF COURSE SUBJECT TO THE PRESER-
VATION OF THE RIGHT OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO RAISE
WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES ANY
MATTER IN WHICH BRITISH INTERESTS MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE

TERMS OF THE TREATIES. BRITISH SHIPS ARE MAJOR USERS
OF THE CANAL. END TEXT.

CORTAZZI QUOTED MINISTER OF STATE JUDD, WHO IS
SENIOR FCO OFFICIAL PRESENT IN LONDON, AS HAVING SAID
HE WAS IN "TOTAL DISBELIEF THAT USG COULD REQUEST A
FRIENDLY GOVERNMENT TO EXPRESS COMPLETE SUPPORT IN PUBLIC
DECLARATION FOR A TREATY IT HAD NOT SEEN." CORTAZZI
STRESSED THAT FCO HAD MADE MAJOR EFFORT TO MEET US RE-
QUEST IN TIMELY FASHION. DCM EXPRESSED APPRECIATION
FOR EFFORTS MADE BY FCO AND SAID THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF
THE TREATIES AND DECLARATION WARRANTED EXCEPTIONAL STEPS
TO OBTAIN THE SUPPORT OF FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS. CORTAZZI
ADDED THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THE MILD RESERVATION IN THE
FINAL STATEMENT WOULD BE LOST IN THE PRESS DIN SURROUND-
ING THE SIGNATURES OF THE TREATY. HOWEVER, THE FCO
BELIEVED IT MUST HAVE A MODEST DISCLAIMER ON RECORD.
C. CORTAZZI SAID ALSO THAT FCO WAS SEEKING APPROVAL
FOR LANGUAGE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESS STATEMENT,
ABOVE, THAT WOULD REFLECT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WAS
SENDING LETTERS OF CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PRESIDENTS
OF THE US AND PANAMA ON CONCLUSION OF TREATIES. DCM
SAID THAT HE WAS CERTAIN THAT SUCH A STATEMENT BY THE
PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE WARMLY WELCOMED IN WASHINGTON.
D. CORTAZZI, FINALLY, ASKED IF WE COULD ALSO PROVIDE
AT THE OPENING OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 7 A LIST OF OTHER
COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD BE SIGNING THE DECLARATION.
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ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS
SEPTEMBER 7 NAMES OF COUNTRIES SCHEDULED TO SIGN.

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